Pixel Pop Puppy Knit Sweater

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SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate

MEASUREMENTS

To Fit Sizes

XXS (XS, S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X)

Chest Girth: 9¾ (14½, 20, 24¾, 29½, 34½, 40¾, 45½)" [25 (37, 51, 63, 75, 87.5, 103.5, 115.5) cm]

See Common Breed Sizes Appendix to help choose the correct size for your dog.

Gauge

20 sts = 4" [10 cm] in **Mosaic Color Slip Stitch pattern** using larger needles.

Note: Round/row gauge is not critical for this project.

MATERIALS

Yarn

Loops and Threads *Impeccable* (100% Acrylic, 285yds / 260 m, 4.5 oz/ 127 g, CYCA# 4 worsted)

- 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2) skeins: Arbor Rose (**A**)
- 1, (1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2) skeins: Dark Emerald (**B**)
- 1 skein each:
- Jade (**C**)
- Teal (**D**)
- Aqua (**E**)
- Royal (**F**)
- Blue Haze (**G**)

Needles

U.S. 8 [5 mm] 16-40" [40.5-101.5 cm] circular needles (depending on the size you are making) and set of 5 double-pointed needles, or size to obtain gauge.

Note: You may need circular needles of 2 different lengths, one for the neck and one for the chest. See schematic for a more informed decision.

Notions

Removable stitch markers

Tapestry needle

Stitch holders

ABBREVIATIONS

K – Knit

K2tog - Knit 2 together

M1L - Make 1 Left (*see Special Stitches*)

M1R - Make 1 Right (*see Special Stitches*)

P – Purl

Pm – Place Marker

RS – Right Side

Sl - Slip

Slm - Slip Marker

Ssk – Slip, Slip, Knit (*see Special Stitches*)

WS – Wrong Side

Wyib – With Yarn in Back

Wyif - With Yarn in Front

SPECIAL STITCHES

⭐ **M1L (Make 1 Left):** With tip of left needle, pick up the horizontal strand between stitches from front to back. Knit (or purl, as indicated) this strand through the back leg, twisting it into a loop in the process - 1 stitch increased.

⭐ **M1R (Make 1 Right):** With tip of left needle, pick up the horizontal strand between stitches from back to front. Knit (or purl, as indicated) this strand, twisting it into a loop in the process - 1 stitch increased.

⭐ **Ssk (Slip, Slip, Knit):** Slip 2 stitches, one at a time, as if to knit. Insert left hand needle into the front of these two stitches and knit them together from this position - 1 stitch decreased.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

Backwards Loop Cast-on Method: * Wrap yarn around left thumb from front to back and secure in palm with other fingers. Insert needle upward through strand on thumb. Slip loop from thumb onto needle, pulling yarn to tighten. Repeat from * for desired number of sts.

PATTERN STITCHES

1 x 1 Rib

Worked circularly over an even number of sts.
Every Round: * K1, p1; repeat from * around.

Mosaic Slip Stitch Color pattern (*circular*)

Worked circularly over a multiple of 4 sts.
Setup Round: Knit.
Change to next color.
Rounds 1–2: * K3, sl 1 wyib; repeat from * around.

Change to next color.

Rounds 3–4 (next color): * K1, sl 1 wyib, k2; repeat from * around.

Repeat Rounds 1–4 for **Mosaic Slip Stitch Color pattern**, being sure to change to the next color every 2 rounds.

Mosaic Slip Stitch Color pattern (*flat*)

Worked flat over a multiple of 4 sts plus 2.

Note: Hat is worked entirely in the round. The flat version of **Mosaic Slip Stitch Color pattern** is given here for purposes of measuring gauge.

Setup Row (WS): Purl.

Change to next color.

Row 1 (RS): K1, * k3, sl 1 wyib; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 2: P1, * sl 1 wyif, p3; repeat from * to last st, p1.

Change to next color.

Row 3: K1, * k1, sl 1 wyib, k2; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 4: P1, * p2, sl 1 wyif, p1; repeat from * to last st, p1.

Repeat Rows 1–4 for **Mosaic Slip Stitch Color pattern**, being sure to change to the next color every 2 rows.

CHARTS

Mosaic Slip Stitch Color pattern, circular, 3 colors:

https://www.stitchfiddle.com/en/c/sglkif-10g8ug

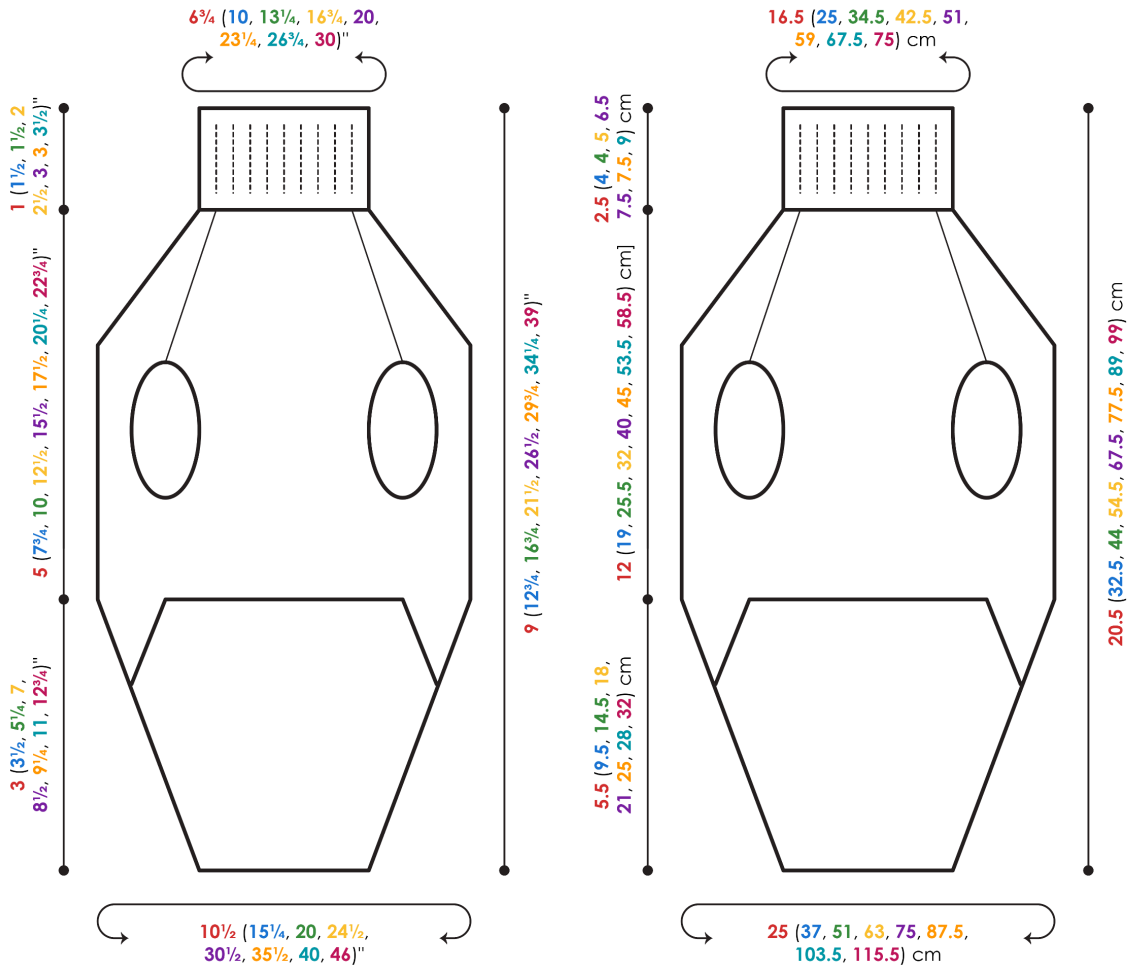
Mosaic Slip Stitch Color pattern, circular, 7 colors:

https://www.stitchfiddle.com/en/c/sglkie-hshsfw

Mosaic Slip Stitch Color pattern, flat, 3 colors:

https://www.stitchfiddle.com/en/c/sglkic-98b3i2

SCHEMATIC



NOTES

- Directions are for the smallest size; changes for larger sizes are in parentheses. When only one number is given then that number applies to all sizes.
- Sweater is worked in the round in one piece, from the top down. Bottom edging and leg edgings are picked up at the end.
- This is an intermediate skill-level pattern. However, if you have already made the **Pixel Pop** or **Pixel Spark Hat**, this pattern will be significantly easier to follow even if you are a beginner.
- Mosaic colorwork uses slip stitches, and only one color is used per round or row.

- If your doggie is extra long, you can add a few extra rounds just before and / or just after the leg hole shaping. Be sure to always add an even number of rounds.

VIDEO TUTORIALS

- Long-Tail Cast-On >> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEGwt4cedLM <<
- Make 1 Increase >> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nT1e-WgynUc <<
- How to Add Lifeline >> https://youtu.be/FiqYUE_aHAw <<
- How to Tink >> https://youtu.be/c7Gud7k4Y8k <<
- How to Bury Ends >> https://youtu.be/8_NBGUKjO-E <<
- Mosaic Slip Stitch Knitting >> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MK9DUkZxQQ <<

PIXEL POP DOG SWEATER (WORSTED WEIGHT)

NECK

Using **A** and shorter circular needle (or double-pointed needles if making one of the 3 smallest sizes), cast on 32 (48, 68, 84, 100, 116, 132, 148) sts.

Place marker and join round, being careful to not twist cast-on edge.
Work in **1 x 1 Rib** for 1 (1½, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 3, 3⅓)" [2.5 (4, 4, 5, 6.5, 7.5, 7.5, 9) cm].

Change to **B**.
Next Round: Knit.
Work in **1 x 1 Rib** for the same number of rounds as in the first ribbed section, then work 2 additional rounds.

Form Double Collar

Fold collar to the wrong side so the cast-on round is just behind the round on the needles, and join the cast on edge to the working round as follows:

Change to **A.**
Next Round: * Insert right needle into next st on left needle and into the corresponding cast-on st at the same time and knit these two sts together; repeat from * for each st around.

INCREASE TO SHOULDERS

With **A**, knit 1 round.

Change to next color and work 2 (2, 2, 4, 4, 4, 6, 6) rounds in **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern**, starting with Round 1.

Place another marker 8 (12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36) sts after beginning-of-round marker.

Next 2 rounds:
Round 1 (increase round): * K1, M1L, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to next marker, M1R, slm; repeat from * once more.
Count: 36 (52, 72, 88, 104, 120, 136, 152) sts.
Round 2: * K1, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to next marker working all newly increased sts into pattern, slm; repeat from * once more.
Note: The st after each marker (raglan st) will always be knit until all increases in this section are completed.
Repeat the last 2 rounds 3 (5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 19) more times.
Count: 48 (72, 100, 124, 148, 172, 204, 228) sts.

Work 0 (2, 4, 4, 6, 6, 6, 8) more rounds evenly in **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern**.

LEG HOLES

Place each raglan marker inside the stitch that comes after it. After working the Belly, these marked sts will be used for picking up edge sts for the Back.

Belly

The first 17 (25, 33, 41, 49, 57, 69, 77) sts of the round are the Belly sts, counting from marker to marker and including marked sts.

Begin working back and forth across 17 (25, 33, 41, 49, 57, 69, 77) Belly sts only as follows:

Next 2 Rows:

Row 1 (decrease row, RS): K1, k2tog, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to last 3 sts, ssk, k1.

Count: 15 (23, 31, 39, 47, 55, 67, 75) Belly sts.

Place remaining 31 (47, 67, 83, 99, 115, 135, 151) sts (these are the Back sts) on a holder or spare circular needle.

Row 2: P1, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to last st working all newly decreased sts into pattern, p1.

Repeat the last 2 rows 1 (2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5) more times.

Count: 13 (19, 27, 33, 39, 47, 57, 65) Belly sts.

Work 4 (6, 8, 8, 10, 12, 12, 12) rows evenly in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern**, being sure to keep the first and last edge sts in Stockinette st.

Next 2 Rows:

Row 1 (increase row, RS): K1, M1L, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to last st, M1R, k1.

Count: 15 (21, 29, 35, 41, 49, 59, 67) Belly sts.

Row 2: P1, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to last st working all newly increased sts into pattern, p1.

Repeat the last 2 rows 1 (2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5) more times.

Count: 17 (25, 33, 41, 49, 57, 69, 77) Belly sts.

Cut yarn, and place all Belly sts on a holder or spare circular needle.

Back

Next 4 Rows:

Row 1 (decrease row, RS): With new yarn, pick up 1 st in marked st at left bottom corner of Belly, working across 31 (47, 67, 83, 99, 115, 135, 151) held Back sts, k2tog, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to last 2 sts, ssk, pick up 1 st in marked st at right bottom corner of Belly.

Count: 31 (47, 67, 83, 99, 115, 135, 151) Back sts.

Row 2: P1, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to last st working all newly decreased sts into pattern, p1.

Row 3 (decrease row, RS): K1, k2tog, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to last 3 sts, ssk, k1.

Count: 29 (45, 65, 81, 97, 113, 133, 149) Back sts.

Row 4: P1, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to last st working all newly decreased sts into pattern, p1.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 only 0 (1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4) more times.

Count: 29 (43, 63, 77, 91, 107, 125, 141) Back sts.

Work 4 (6, 8, 8, 10, 12, 12, 12) rows evenly in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern**, being sure to keep the first and last edge sts in Stockinette st.

Next 2 Rows:

Row 1 (increase row, RS): K1, M1L, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to last st, M1R, k1.

Count: 31 (45, 65, 79, 93, 109, 127, 143) Back sts.

Row 2: P1, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to last st working all newly increased sts into pattern, p1.

Repeat the last 2 rows 1 (2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5) more times.

Count: 33 (49, 69, 85, 101, 117, 137, 153) Back sts.

BODY

Next Round (re-join round): Slip last Belly st from holder onto left needle, k2tog over last Belly st and first Back st, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to last

Back st, ssk over last Back st and first held Belly st, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** across held Belly sts to end, pm to mark new beginning-of-round.
Count: 48 (72, 100, 124, 148, 172, 204, 228) sts.

Work evenly in the round in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** across all sts for 1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)" [2.5 (5, 7.5, 10, 12.5, 15, 18, 20.5) cm], ending after a Round 1 or Round 3 of pattern.

BOTTOM BACK

Turn work to face the WS.

Next round (bind-off round, WS): Bind off 15 (23, 31, 39, 47, 55, 67, 75) Belly sts, p1, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to last st, p1.
Count: 33 (49, 69, 85, 101, 117, 137, 153) sts.

Begin working back and forth in rows as follows:

Work 2 rows evenly in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern**, being sure to keep the first and last edge sts in Stockinette st.

Next 2 rows:
Row 1 (decrease row, RS): K1, k2tog, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to last 3 sts, ssk, k1.
Count: 33 (47, 67, 83, 99, 115, 135, 151) sts.
Row 2: P1, work in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern** to last st working all newly decreased sts into pattern, p1.
Repeat the last 2 rows 4 (8, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30, 34) more times.
Count: 25 (31, 39, 47, 55, 63, 75, 83) sts.

Work 2 more rows evenly in established **Mosaic Slip-Stitch Colorwork pattern**, being sure to keep the first and last edge sts in Stockinette st.
Bind off all sts.

FINISHING

Leg Edgings

Using **A** and double pointed needles, pick up and knit 20 (30, 32, 40, 50, 52, 60, 60) sts around Leg hole, or 10 (15, 16, 20, 25, 26, 30, 30) sts along each side edge, and distribute these sts as evenly as possible across 4 needles.

Work in 1 x 1 Rib for 1 (1½, 2, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5)" [2.5 (4, 5, 5, 6.5, 7.5, 10, 12.5) cm].

Bind off all sts loosely.

Work other Leg Edging the same way.

Bottom Body Edging

With RS facing and using **B**, pick up and k 13 (19, 27, 33, 39, 47, 57, 63) sts across bound off edge of Belly, 10 (17, 24, 31, 37, 40, 49, 53) sts down side edge of Bottom Back, 1 st in corner of Bottom Back and mark this st, 17 (25, 31, 39, 45, 51, 63, 69) sts across bound off edge of Bottom Back, 1 st in corner of Bottom Back and mark this st, and 10 (17, 24, 31, 37, 40, 49, 53) up other side edge of Bottom Back.
Count: 52 (80, 108, 136, 160, 180, 220, 240) sts.

Join round and pm to mark beginning of round.

For Boyish Option:

Next 4 Rounds:
Note: Each time you knit a marked st, move the marker up to st just made.
Round 1: * K1, p1; repeat from * around.

Round 2: * [K1, p1] to marked st, M1L, k1, M1R, p1, repeat from; repeat from * once more, [k1, p1] to end of round.

Count: 56 (84, 112, 140, 164, 184, 224, 244) sts.

Round 3: * [K1, p1] to 1 st before marked st, k3; repeat from * once more, [k1, p1] to end of round.

Round 4: * [K1, p1] to 1 st before marked st, k1, M1L purlwise, k1, M1R purlwise; repeat from * once more, [k1, p1] to end of round.

Count: 60 (88, 116, 144, 168, 188, 228, 248) sts.

Repeat the last 4 rounds 0 (1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3) more times.

Count: 60 (96, 124, 152, 184, 204, 252, 272) sts.

For Girly Option:

Next 3 Rounds:

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: * K2, M1R; repeat from * around.

Count: 65 (100, 135, 170, 200, 225, 275, 300)

Round 3: * K1, p1; repeat from * around.

Repeat Round 3 only 1 (5, 5, 5, 9, 9, 13, 13) more times.

For Both Options:

Bind off all sts loosely in rib pattern.

Weave in all loose ends.